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The Honorable Loretta A. Preska United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Room 1320 New York, New York 10007

Re:

United States v. James Lyons

07 Cr. 890 (LAP)

Dear Judge Preska:

I write on behalf of my client, James Lyons, to respectfully request a two-week adjournment of the status conference in his case, scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. I am requesting the adjournment because the parties are close to an agreement, but need some additional time to negotiate a disposition. I have spoken to Assistant United States Attorney Parvin Moyne, who consents to this adjournment request on behalf of the Government. re February 21 conference is adjourned to March 31 a

The parties request an exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act until the next conference. The parties' need for additional time to conduct negotiations in the case serves the

interests of justice and outweighs the needs of the defendant and the public in a speedy trial.

cc:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Parvin Moyne, Esq. (by fax)

Respectfully submitted,

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